

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charging system comprising:
  - a plurality of client apparatuses each of which is connected to a network;
  - a server apparatus which provides at least one service to said plurality of client apparatuses via said network;
  - a charging apparatus connected to said network in order to make a charge regarding the provision of said service;
  - a plurality of first processing apparatuses which are provided for said network in order to control the provision of said service from said server apparatus to said client apparatuses and accumulate information for charging by said charging apparatus with respect to said service when said service is provided to said client apparatuses via said first processing apparatuses; and
  - a second processing apparatus which has a cyclic unit which circulates among said plurality of first processing apparatuses via said network, collects the information for charging accumulated in each of said first processing apparatuses by the circulation of said cyclic unit, and provides said collected information for charging to said charging apparatus.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein said second processing apparatus has the cyclic unit for each service content, and said cyclic unit corresponding to each of said service content collects said information for charging in said plurality of first processing apparatuses, respectively.
3. A system according to claim 2, wherein in said cyclic units of the second processing apparatus, times to start the circulation among said

plurality of first processing apparatuses are different.

4. A system according to claim 1, wherein said second processing apparatus has at least one cyclic unit corresponding to each of a plurality of service content, and said cyclic unit collects said information for charging accumulated in said plurality of first processing apparatuses for every said service content.

5. A system according to claim 1, wherein said first processing apparatus accumulates said information for charging of said plurality of services.

6. A system according to claim 1, wherein said first processing apparatus controls the provision of said services to said client apparatuses from said server apparatus with reference to an amount of money which has been predetermined by said client apparatus for the purpose of providing said services.

7. A system according to claim 1, wherein said first processing apparatus controls the provision of said services to said client apparatuses from said server apparatus with reference to a time which has been predetermined by said client apparatus for the purpose of providing said services.

8. A system according to claim 1, further comprising a management terminal which controls the operation of at least one of said first processing apparatuses and said second processing apparatus.